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TO : SAINT, AMZON
FROM : SAINT, CHADBOURN 86-27
SUBJECT : Questioning of Walter COHN re KUNO WIRSICH
REFERENCE: LWX-486

1. Walter COHN was contacted at his office in Paris 4 Place de la Sorbonne. He has an office on the first floor of the Taurade Pharmaceutical Laboratory; telephone Odeon 7392.

2. COHN has recently received a letter from Mrs. WIRSICH in Germany telling of Kuno WIRSICH's plight and he, COHN, was on the point of trying to get in touch with the proper U. S. authorities in order to testify in behalf of WIRSICH.

3. COHN knew WIRSICH and his wife very intimately in Germany in 1933-34. He cannot remember whether WIRSICH was already in the SS or about to go in the SS, or whether their group asked WIRSICH to join the SS. In any case, WIRSICH's being in the SS met with COHN's complete approval.

4. COHN states that from 1933 through 1934 WIRSICH was a most trusted agent of theirs and did much good work for them. He gave them reports on all the doings inside the SS; he hid their papers and documents for them; he gave them the inside story of the Roehm murder and the Blood Purge; he got advance copies of the brief for the prosecution in the Thielmann case, whose defense was handled by a Dr. ROETTER.

5. COHN left Germany and went to Czechoslovakia in 1934, and has never had contact with WIRSICH since. He heard of him through another person in 1935 however, and the report was that WIRSICH was still doing excellent work for the anti-fascist group.

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6. COHN was surprised at finding that WIRSICH was still in the SS now in 1946. Of course he is ignorant of his activities after 1934-35 and he therefore can say nothing for or against him after that date. He is willing to make a sworn statement for WIRSICH's activities in 1933-34 however. COHN stated that he felt sure that WIRSICH's conduct must have been alright if GOLDHAMMER was seeking his release.

7. COHN claimed that he has lost contact with anyone else who could help clarify WIRSICH's activities after 1935. COHN referred to their group in Germany as an "anti-fascist network". COHN went to Czechoslovakia, then to Switzerland, and then to France where he was interned by Vichy, escaped and joined the French resistance. He was demobilized from the French Army a year ago.

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